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SUBJ: FRG VIEWS ON BREZHNEV'S BASKET II PROPOSAL

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1. ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL
LAST WEEK ON FRAU STEEG, ECONOMICS MINISTRY, AND
LAUTENSCHLAGER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO REITERATE OUR
STRONG RESERVATIONS CONCERNING RESPONDING POSITIVELY
TO BREZHNEV'S CONFERENCE PROPOSALS.

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2. FRAU STEEG CONFIRMED THAT FRG POLICY CONTINUED
TO BE OPPOSED TO ACCEPTING THE SOVIET PROPOSALS BUT
SHE VAGUELY REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY THAT IN CONNECTION
WITH BELGRADE OR WITH FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO
THE FRG THERE MIGHT BE TEMPTATION TO VIEW THE PROPOSALS
MORE FAVORABLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ANYTHING

SUBSTANTIAL. SHE ALSO REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY THERE WOULD BE SOMETHING ON THE SUBJECT IN THE NEW SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT (WHICH THERE WAS NOT). IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH LAUTENSCHLAGER HE SAID FIRMLY THAT FRG POLICY WAS OPPOSED TO ACCEPTING THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS. ON ENERGY HE SAID WE HAD PLENTY TO DO IN THE WEST WITHOUT COMPLICATING MATTERS WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST. CONTRARY TO MEYER-LANDRUT REPORTED VIEWS, LAUTENSCHLAGER THOUGHT THAT A CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORTATION WOULD GET IN THE WAY WITH DEALING WITH FRG TRANSPORT PROBLEMS WITH THE EAST AND ON ENVIRONMENT WE WOULD HAVE BERLIN PROBLEMS OWING TO THE LOCATION OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICE IN BERLIN.

3. LAUTENSCHLAGER ALSO REFERRED TO THE TEMPTATION "ON HIGH" TO SNATCH AT SOMETHING IN CONNECTION WITH BELGRADE AND A BREZHNEV VISIT. HE THOUGHT THIS DANGER EXISTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC IN HIGH LEVEL DEALINGS WITH THE USSR. LAUTENSCHLAGER DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT LESS HAD BEEN HEARD ABOUT CONFERENCE PROPOSAL FROM THE EASTERN SIDE IN RECENT TIMES. HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY THIS WAS THE CASE BUT ONLY STATE IT AS FACT.
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